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NO TIME FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS WHEN A MAN IS DYING.

A man was cut and severely, prob-
ably fatally, wounded in a Huntington
avenue saloon yesterday afternoon.
Several doctors responded promptly to
calls for their services after the in-
jured man had made his way into an
other saloon nearby, and the patient
was given the best attention possi-
ble as he lay on a cot brought into
the bar by friends. Then arose the
question of what was to be done with
the unfortunate. He couldn't stay in
the saloon and the boarding house
in which he lived was no place for
a man in his condition. He belonged
in hospital, but the attending physi-
cians did not know how to get him there
as nobody could say whether he
would be in a position to pay a hos-
pital bill even if he recovered, which
seemed to be very improbable. Priv-
ate hospitals, of course, cannot make
a practice of taking in patients, even
in emergency cases, unless they are
reasonably sure of having their bills
paid. Such a practice would make
bankruptcy certain in the future. So
this wounded man lay in the saloon in
what seemed to be a dying condition.

While a physician administered the first
aid, and friends made an effort to
get him to the proper medical
authorities, seeking to secure
authority for placing the patient in
a hospital at the city's expense. He
lay there from about 4:30 o'clock
until after 7 o'clock. Finally, by help
of subscription, sufficient money was
raised to pay for one week's care at
a private hospital, and the man was
removed to the institution in an am-
bulance.

There is a striking illustration. If
another illustration were needed, of
the necessity for some kind of public
emergency hospital service. This
dangerously wounded man was a
charge on the public, and yet the pe-
ople who knew, and the city physicians,
were helpless to do more for him than
to see that he had medical attention
in the hospital. If he had been more
or less ill the authorities might have
taken him to the police station to
occupy the bare boards of the "topic
white table." Or, perhaps, in time the
ignorant and poor committee of the
council might have informed the city
authorities to send him to a hospital.

When a man is lying in a poor place
to be calling committee meetings to
decide whether or not he shall have
attention at a hospital. That is the
time to appeal to the authorities.

Newport News probably is not in a
position to undertake the establish-
ment of a public hospital, as little
as one is needed. But an arrangement
with one of the private hospitals
to handle emergency cases could
be made at comparatively small cost.

An appropriate for emergency
hospital service should be made
to the council before the next session
the price of any more insurance is
carefully granted. And the care of
any of the city physicians should have
the authority to treat such cases.

DEFENSE OF RED BANK.

Washington's Instructions to George Washington
Foreman a Historical Document.

The following important historical
letter of George Washington, written
while he was commander-in-chief of the
Continental army, addressed to
Major General Wayne, October 21, 1776, and addressed to Major General
Foreman, will be sold at auction in Philadelphia this week:

"The enemy yesterday morning
threw a body of troops across the
Delaware, with intentions, no doubt,
either to storm or burn Red Banks.
As we were there so strong, it is
impossible they will hazard the loss
of such a venture; but will I imagine,
on account of a blockade to oblige the
garrison to surrender. On this considera-
tion, I am to request, in the most
affectionate manner, that you will use
your utmost exertions immediately to
collect a large body of militia so
near as possible, and hasten them to
the point of that town. It is to be
supplemented by supply of stores and
provisions, not to be simple as
could be wished. This makes it necessary
that you should have not a
moment's time to give it all the considera-
tion it deserves. I have written to General
Wayne on the same subject. You
need not be told that should that
post fail into the enemy's hands, it
not only injures the immediate aim
of the invasion, its duration, and success,
but all our interests, after that
should happen, to defend the colonies
on the west would be trifles. If we do
not succeed in this, it will be
impossible to capture the importance of
that object, or to minimize your loss
for the prosecution. What I have
now told is in the supposition that
he comes to the salt works, which
induced you to go back that way. It
is not to give us to require the world
that you may be able to gather together
to stand against it."

He did much to assist the
negotiations for their security;
they were too much important, but as
the defense of Red Bank is an object
of the greatest moment, I wish you
would do as much as you possibly
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good degree of attention to the salt
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necessary there, I would wish you to
command the body of militia you may
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In view of General Wayne's
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MARKET MORE ACTIVE

Prices of Stocks Move up to
Higher Level.

BONDS HOLD BETTERMENT

Advances in Stocks Largely Results
From Extensive Short Covering by
Traders—Commission Houses Report
Moderate Investment Demand.

(By Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Greater ac-
tivity and higher prices characterized
today's movement in the stock mar-
ket, with the recent betterment in
bonds well sustained. The advance
in stocks resulted largely from exten-
sive short coverings by traders, al-
though commission houses reported a
moderate investment demand. The
active stocks were strong during the
greater part of the day, although
Lehigh Valley subsequently lost all
its gains. There was a revival of
rumors concerning these properties
which had to do chiefly with Read-
ing.

Reading directors are scheduled to
meet this week and it is persistently
rumored that action looking to an in-
crease of the present dividend will
be taken. The strength of the Har-
risburg lines seems to come from the
buying interest commonly recognized
as substantial and may have had its
origin in the excellent statement set
forth by the Southern Pacific Com-
pany last week. A number of specia-
lities and semi-active issues partici-
pated in the upward course of the
market, including Southern Railway
preferred, concerning which there
have recently been reports of divi-
dend resumption. New York Central
and New Haven & Hartford stocks
manifested a reactionary tendency,
due primarily to the serious disaster
at the local terminal of the first
named road.

The heaviest of United States
Steel shares was in marked contrast
to the rest of the general list and
by common consent was ascribed to
prevailing conditions in the steel
and iron industries. There was, how-
ever, a good demand for Steel sinking
steel bars.

Why can't men who differ on the
liquor question settle their dispute at
the polls without wanting to run each
other's heart out over it? Every man
has a right to his own opinion on this
as well as upon all other subjects. If
those active on both sides would re-
member this, there might be less hot-
temper in prohibition campaigns.

Richmond's new million dollar post-
office is going up. We are glad the
capital landed its appropriation be-
fore President Taft calling attention to
the fact that "Postoffice buildings
which are in effect warehouses for
the economical handling of transporta-
tion of thousands of tons of mail
have been made monumental struc-
tures and often costing far from the
convenient and economical spot."

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Pittsburg, C. C. & St. Louis 97½
Pittsburg Coal 18
Prairie Steel Car 30
Pullman Palace Car 169
Railway Steel Spring 81
Reading 150½
Republic Steel 30½
Republic Steel pfd 93½
Rock Island Co. 30½
Rock Island Co. pfd 61½
St. Louis & San Fran, 2nd pfd 39½
St. Louis Southwestern 25½
St. Louis Southwestern pfd 48½
Sloss Sheffield Steel and Iron 115½
Southern Pacific 27½
Southern Railway 63½
Southern Railway pfd 55½
Tennessee Copper 26½
Texas & Pacific 22½
Toledo, St. Louis & Western 32
Toledo, St. Louis & West, pfd 17½
Union Pacific 22½
Union Pacific pfd 68½
United States Rubber 34½
United States Steel 73½
United States Steel pfd 116½
Utah Copper 45½
Virginia-Carolina Chemical 6½
Wabash 21½
Wabash pfd 38
Western Maryland 67½
Westinghouse Electric 71½
Western Union 71½
Wheeling & Lake Erie 5

Chicago Grain Market.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 19.—With pri-
mary receipts more than double those
of a year ago, with shipments very
scarce, the undertone of the wheat
market today was heavy. In the ab-
sence of any great selling pressure,
however, prices closed steady at a net
loss of 1½¢. Late figures for corn
were off ½¢ to ¾¢. Oats showed
a gain to ½¢ decline, and provisions
2½¢ loss to the advance.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

Open High Low Close

Wheat—

Dec. 21 31½ 31½ 30½ 30½

May 33½ 32½ 32½ 32½

July 32½ 32½ 32½ 32½

Corn—

Dec. 21 43½ 43½ 43½ 43½

May 47½ 47½ 47½ 47½

July 48 48 47½ 47½

Oats—

Dec. 21 31½ 31½ 31½ 31½

May 32½ 32½ 32½ 32½

July 32½ 32½ 32½ 32½

Mess Pork, per lb.—

Jan. 18.50 18.50 18.35 18.45

May 18.22 18.22 18.05 18.15

Lb. per 100 lbs.—

Jan. 18.27½ 18.10 18.02½ 18.10

May 18.07½ 18.10 18.00 18.07½

Short Ribs, per 100 lbs.—

Jan. 18.23 18.20 18.20 18.27½

May 18.03 18.07½ 18.07½ 18.02½

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Money on
call steady at 3½% per cent.; ruling
rate, 3½%; closing bid, 3½%; offered
at 3%. Time loans weaker; at 2 days
and 30 days, 3½%; at six months, 3½%; close. Prime mercan-
tile paper, 3½% per cent. Sterling
exchange strong, with actual business
in bankers' bills at \$25,000-\$26,000 for
\$50,000 bills and at \$25,000 for demand
Co. mercantile bills, \$25,000-\$26,000 for
silver, 3½%. Mexican dollars, 4%.

New York Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Spot cotton
closed quiet 10 points higher. Mid-
dling uplands, 15½¢; middling Gulf,
15½¢. Sales, 4,200 bales.

Patents opening steady and closed
very steady.

Open High Low Close

December 14.88 14.94 14.89 14.82

January 14.82 14.96 14.91 14.84

February 14.77 14.91 14.87 14.82

March 15.21 15.23 15.21 15.22

April 15.41 15.45 15.40 15.34

May 15.45 15.45 15.40 15.34

June 15.45 15.45 15.40 15.34

July 15.40 15.47 15.40 15.36

August 15.32 15.32 15.27 15.22

October 15.21 15.25 15.21 15.24

Baltimore Grain Market.

RAILROAD, Md., December 18.—
Winter—Snowy. Spot contracts
80¢ to Southern No. grade, 90¢.

Cook—Easier. New Western, 15½¢.

Outer—Fair. No. 2 white, 13½¢.

No. 2S, 12½¢.

Atlantic Coast Line.

Baltimore & Ohio.

Bethlehem Steel.